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## Letter from Hon. J. J. Russell.

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TO THE DEMOCRATS OF RIPLEY COUNTY:

I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress, and as I may not be able in the short time I have before the primary election, on March 17th, to see all of the Democrats, I take this means of addressing them.

I was nominated for Congress two years ago and made a thorough canvass of the entire district, and ran further ahead of my party ticket than any other Democratic candidate for Congress in the state, except Mr. Cowherd, of Kansas City. The majority of Roosevelt over Parker in this district was 3093, while the majority against me was 2528, so the majority against Parker was 1165 greater than against me. It is admitted by everybody that I did my whole duty in the canvass and proved to be a very strong candidate—so that I feel that I have the right to ask and expect the endorsement of my party in my second race.

I claim that I am also entitled to favorable consideration at the hands of the Democratic voters because of my long and faithful party service. I made a Democratic speech in this county 22 years ago, and in nearly every campaign since that time I have spoken in this and the other counties of this district, without fee or reward. If my opponent, Mr. Ward, ever made a Democratic speech in his life, in this or any other county outside of his own, I have never heard of it—his voice has never been heard by the Ripley county Democrats in the cause of the party until he came in quest of an office for himself.

He asks the votes of the Democrats now SOLELY because he is a farmer. Farming is a noble and a useful calling, and every citizen in this section of the state is directly or indirectly interested in the welfare and the success of the farmer. I, too, am a farmer, and raise corn and wheat every year on the old farm upon which I was born and raised, and am as much interested in the success of agriculture as is my opponent. I am also a lawyer, and by reason of years of hard study and the practice of the profession I feel that I am well qualified to render useful service to all the people of my native district, and to do so is my highest ambition. Almost every man who has distinguished himself in the halls of the National Congress, from this or any other state, has been a lawyer—Tom Benton, Frank P. Blair, Geo. G. Vest, Francis M. Cockrell, Wm. J. Stone, Champ Clark, "Silver Dick" Bland, D. A. DeArmond and W. J. Bryan have all been lawyers, and yet all were the faithful friends of the farmers, and always the able champions of the people's rights. No man is entitled to an office because of his vocation, but officers should be selected because of their fitness for the places they seek, and as a reward for faithful party service.

Oregon county is the only county that has held its primary election, and that county I carried over Mr. Ward by a substantial majority.

I respectfully ask the friendship and solicit the support of the Democrats of Ripley county at the primary election.

Very respectfully,

J. J. RUSSELL.

Henry Ernest Braschler,

of Current River township, who is a candidate for treasurer of Ripley county, is a native of Indiana, having been born in Gibson county on February 4, 1877. He came with his parents to this state in 1886, when nine years old, and locating on a farm worked there and went to school until old enough to do for himself. He attended the city schools here and the Cape Normal, and helped himself along by teaching. A few years ago, in connection with two of his brothers, he bought the home farm on the river in the bend below Pratt, and since then has been farming, he teaching school during the fall and winter seasons. He recently married a well known young lady of this city, Miss Stella McClain.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, while visiting at his old home in Indiana, he enlisted in the regular army, and was assigned to Company E, Second United States Infantry, and went with the regiment to Santiago de Cuba, taking part in all the engagements of the land forces up to the surrender of that stronghold. He remained in the army until the close of hostilities, when he was honorably discharged by the secretary of war at the request of Senator F. M. Cockrell, and his certificate of discharge gave him credit for faithfully discharging his duty to the army and the country, and names the battles he was engaged in, giving him honorable mention. During the World's Fair at St. Louis he served as a sergeant of the Jefferson Guards of that great exhibition, and at the close of the exhibition returned here and resumed farming and teaching.

He is an exceedingly pleasant gentleman, and as an official would be faithful and true as he has always been.

William Henry Stone,

Who is a candidate for re-election to the office of county clerk of Ripley county, for a second term, is a native of Kentucky, first seeing the light of day in Breckenridge county on the 16th day of October, 1858, and was educated in the public schools of the state. He lived there until he was 21 years old and then came to Ripley county, locating in Pine township, and began teaching school, being the first person to ever teach school within the bounds of the territory now included in that township. He also went to Oregon county and taught a term or two of school near Thayer, and then returned to Ripley and engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed, also engaging in stock-raising.

He was elected to the office of county clerk four years ago, and his ability to discharge the duties of the office are such that he now has no opposition for a second term, and may not have an opponent at the election. Anyway, if he does, it will only be because the opposition want their ticket filled, and not that they expect to elect anybody to the office. He is married and has eight children living and one dead—his oldest son.

Mr. Stone is one of the nicest men of the court house gang, and everybody who has business with him becomes his friend. "Bud," as he is familiarly called by all, is a wholesouled fellow and a very companionable man, but he is a careful, conscientious and painstaking officer. While he has a home here during his incumbency of the office, he makes his home on his farm in Pine township, and has been a very successful farmer.



John Hamilton Nunnelee,

of this city, who is a candidate for the position of county treasurer, is not unknown to the voters of Ripley county, as he has gone successfully through previous campaigns, and has served the people of the county acceptably in other positions.

He is a native of Hickman county, Tennessee, the date of his birth being about the 16th of July, 1858. He came to Ripley county in 1880, and after remaining here a year or two engaged in farming, went to Howell county and remained there for a few years, making a race for assessor while living there. He came back to the county and engaged in merchandising, and was so engaged for several years. He was elected collector in 1896, was re-elected twice thereafter to the position, making an admirable official, and if chosen for the office he now seeks his knowledge, obtained in the collector's office, will be of good benefit to him in the discharge of the duties of the position of treasurer.

Mr. Nunnelee is married and has a family—two sons. He is genial, exceedingly pleasant, and a first-rate gentleman in every way. Our people know him well enough to appreciate him as an official and a citizen.

William Carter Mabrey,



Who is a candidate for re-election to the office of Circuit Clerk and Recorder for a second term, is a native of Doniphan, having been born at the family residence in this city in February, 1878, and is, therefore, a little over 28 years old. He was educated in the public schools of this city, and finished his schooling at Washington University, at St. Louis.

During his incumbency of the office, to which he was elected four years ago, he has made an excellent official, being attentive, obliging and careful in the discharge of the duties of the place. He is entitled to the second, as the rule in the county, almost unbroken, has always been to give a deserving official a second term in all the four year term offices. In some of the two year term offices the rule has not always been observed.

Mr. Mabrey is unmarried, but that fact does not in-

terfere with his being a good official, though if he would tie himself up to some charming young lady of a domestic turn, we expect he would find that it would make him feel more home-like. We have often wondered why some of our good looking young ladies didn't rope him in for better or for worse, and the mystery is unexplained yet. He may be bashful, but then he is not so awful shy. He is good-looking and is fat and jolly, and "he's all-right," alright, and what more could be wanted.

James White Cotton,



Of Doniphan, who is a candidate for re-election to the office of Collector of the Revenue for Ripley county, is a native of the county, having been born on Buffalo creek, in Kelley township, in the year 1877. He was educated in the schools of this city, and after finishing his studies went to clerking, working first for A. E. Richmond, and then with the Pierce & Lee Mercantile Co., with which concern he remained several years. He became a candidate for the office of Collector in 1902, and had virtually no opposition.

He is energetic, and has made an excellent official in every way, having made a close, careful collection, the collection of 1904 aggregating 83 per cent of the assessments, and that for 1905, so far, has aggregated 84 per cent. He was handicapped in his collections for the reason, generally well known, that the assessments were badly made, and that many errors were in the books. In fact, perhaps in no period of the history of the county were the assessor's books in worse condition than they have been during his term in the office. Notwithstanding these conditions, he worked hard, and the result of his work has been a most excellent collection, and he treated every taxpayer exactly alike, playing no favorites—the well-to-do and influential taxpayer and friend having to toe the scratch without a favor of any kind beyond courteous treatment, which was accorded all, just the same as the small taxpayer and stranger. From his past record of work in the office our people know what to expect in the future should he be chosen at the primary.

He is married, has one child—a son—and has a pleasant home in this city. He is a member of the secret societies of the city, including the Masons, Odd Fellows, Woodmen. He is a very clever and pleasant young man, and is a member of the Baptist Church.

### Primary Election Call.

A Democratic Primary Election is called to be held on Saturday, March 17th, 1906 at the various voting places in Ripley county, Missouri, for the purpose of selecting Democratic candidates for following county officers viz.: Representative in the Legislature, Clerk Circuit Court, Clerk County Court, Collector of Revenue, Sheriff, Treasurer, Coroner, Probate Judge, Presiding Judge County Court, Judge County Court Eastern district, Judge County Court Western district, Justice of Peace in each township where any are to elect, Constable in each township, Central Committeeman at large, Central Committeeman from each voting precinct.

Also to vote on candidates for the following state officers: Supreme Judge, Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner, Superintendent of schools.

Also to vote on the candidates for Congress in the 14th, Congressional district.

The candidates receiving the highest vote for state and district officers to name the delegates to the respective nominating conventions.

S. A. PROCTOR, Cha'n.  
JNO. U. SWAIN, Sec.

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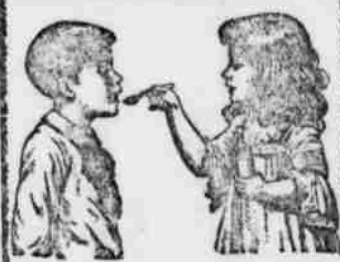
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